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Name of Port Manzanillo, Mexico. Lat. 19-03 N Long. 104-20 W.
Name of Vessel U.S.S. Goss DE 444 Nationality U.S.
Length of Vessel 306 ft. Greatest draft while in port 13 ft.
Name of Master J.A. Hennings, Lcdr, USN Date of observation 10 July 1953.

Sailing directions used in entering port:

Volume, name and no. HO 84 Publisher HO Date 1951.
Date of most recent correction 22/53. Publisher HO
Chart used: Name Manzanillo, Bay. No. HO 0915.
Publisher HO Date latest correction 22/53.

INSTRUCTIONS: Indicate answers by check marks or brief phrases. Present only information based on your own experience.

1. Pilotage

- a. Are pilots available? Yes X No
- b. Will pilots take vessels in at night? Yes X No
- c. Was pilotage compulsory for your vessel?
At all times X In bad weather At night
- d. Is pilotage desirable though not compulsory? Yes X No
Under what conditions?
- e. Where do pilots board vessel?
Location End of breakwater. Bearings
- f. Description of pilot boat Small launch.
- g. Signals shown by pilot boat Has "PILOT" on bow.

2. Formalities

- a. Is this a "first port of entry" for overseas vessels? Yes No X
- b. Where do customs, health and other officers board incoming vessels?
Location At fuel dock. Bearings

3. Critical areas in harbor or entrance

- a. Nature of critical features (least depth encountered in reaching berth, crooked channel (in terms of maximum length of ship or radius of turn) etc.) None.
- b. Locations of critical features
Bearings
- c. Navigational aids associated with these features

4. Bridges

- a. Did your vessel pass under a bridge or bridges in reaching berth?
Yes No X How many?

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b. Description of bridge:

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Type of span over channel: Draw _____ Fixed (suspension, etc.) _____
Width of channel under bridge _____ ft.
Clearance under span _____ ft.
At the level of _____ (MHWS etc.)
Navigational aids for bridge _____

Note: If your vessel passed under more than one bridge, record information as above for other bridges at end of this form.

5. Overhead cables

- a. Did your vessel pass under an overhead cable? Yes _____ No x
b. Clearance under cable _____ ft.
At the level of _____ (MHWS, etc.)

6. Tugs

- a. Were tugs used to assist your vessel in entering port? Yes _____ No x
b. For berthing or shifting your vessel? Yes _____ No x
c. Power of tugs: Known _____ Estimated _____
d. Did you see tugs assisting other vessels:
In entering port? Yes _____ No x
In berthing or shifting position? Yes _____ No _____
Kind of vessel assisted by tug(s) _____
(cargo carrier, tanker, etc.) _____ Length of vessel _____

7. Anchorage

- a. Where did your vessel anchor? _____ No _____ Bearings _____
b. Depths _____
c. Holding ground: Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____
d. Holding ground material _____
e. Best anchorage: Location _____ Bearings _____
f. Reliability of anchorage bearings in sailing directions:
Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____
g. Features of shelter not shown on chart or mentioned in sailing directions _____

8. Moorings

- a. Did your ship use moorings? Yes x No _____
b. Manner of mooring _____ Moored to fuel portside to with offshore anchor.
c. Location of berth _____ end of fuel pier.
d. Bearings of berth _____
e. Length of berth _____ 100 ft. _____ Depth _____ 30 ft. _____
f. Maximum capacity of buoys or dolphins in terms of size of vessel _____

9. Lighterage

- a. Are lighters available in port? Yes _____ No x
b. Did your ship use lighters? Yes _____ No x
c. Type and capacity of lighters _____

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d. Number for your vessel _____

e. ~~Classification of port~~ Approved For Release 1999/09/27 : CIA-RDP83-00423R001000180002-9

f. Quality of service: Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

g. Undesirable features of service _____

10. Wharf

	Berth Used	Berth Ahead (or other)	Berth Astern (or other)
a. Wharf name	Fuel pier	None	None
b. Location	On head of pier	"	"
c. Side			
d. Type			
e. Construction	Concrete (normal)		
f. Length	475 ft		
g. Depth alongside (re. chart datum)	39 ft		
h. Height of deck (re. chart datum)	15 ft		
i. Apron width	25 ft		
j. Cranes	None		
Type			
No. of this type			
Kind of power			
Max. lift			
Max. radius			
Max. hoist			
Type			
No. of this type			
Kind of power			
Lift			
Radius			
Hoist			
Other cranes			
k. Other cargo handling equipment (Specify)			
l. Stevedores	Line handlers assisted berthing and fueling.		
Availability:			
(day, day & night)			
Size gangs	Small gang. about six men.		
Efficiency			
m. Transfer sheds	None.		
Floor area			
Stacking height			
Floor area			
Stacking height			

11. Wet Basins

a. Does the port have a wet basin? Yes _____ No x _____

b. Name _____ Location _____

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d. Plane of reference for depths _____

Berthing and turning

- a. Location of turning areas Off pier.
b. Did you have unusual shiphandling difficulties in berthing or turning?
Yes _____ No A
c. Unfavorable winds or currents None
d. Other difficulties there is a slight surge alongside pier.

13. Utilities

- a. Drinking water
Quality: Potable _____ Requires _____ (treatment)
Supply: Abundant _____ Generally adequate _____ Limited _____
Method of delivery: by pipe _____ by lighter _____
Rate of delivery _____ gallons per hr.
b. Boiler water
Quality: Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____ Hard _____ Saline _____
Supply: Abundant _____ Generally adequate _____ Limited _____
Method of delivery: by pipe _____ by lighter _____
Rate of delivery _____ gallons per hr.
c. Electricity: AC _____ DC _____ Voltage _____. If AC: _____ cycles _____ phase
d. Steam
Available at your berth? Yes _____ No _____

14. Fuel

- a. Fuel oil
Supply: Abundant A Generally adequate _____ Limited _____
Method of delivery: by pipe X by lighter _____
Rate of delivery 10,000 gals hour gallons per hr.
b. Diesel oil
Supply: Abundant _____ Generally adequate _____ Limited _____
Method of delivery: by pipe _____ by lighter _____
Rate of delivery: _____ gallons per hr.
c. Bunker coal
Supply: Abundant _____ Generally adequate _____ Limited _____

15. Supplies

- a. Engineering supplies available? Yes _____ No A
Adequate for ordinary needs? Yes _____ No X
b. Deck supplies available? Yes _____ No X
Adequate for ordinary needs? Yes _____ No _____
c. Provisions available? Yes _____ No X
Adequate for ordinary needs? Yes _____ No X
Type of provisions _____
Quality of provisions _____

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16. Communication Facilities
 a. Telegraph Yes ☒ No ☐
 b. Telephone Yes ☒ No ☐

17. Clearance Facilities

- a. Railroad ????????

Tracks	Location of Tracks		
	On Apron	Rear of Sheds	Other
Number			
Gage			
Flush or open			
Length			
Distance, wharf edge to closest track...		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
Main inland RR connections			

b. Road

Truck access: onto wharf? _____; onto apron? _____; into shed _____
 What main inland points are accessible by road? _____

18. Landmarks

Corrections for sailing directions _____
 _____ None _____

19. Navigation aids

Corrections for sailing directions and charts _____
 _____ None _____

20. General port conditions

Improvements, damage or deterioration noted _____
 Building a new seawall _____

21. Repairs

- a. Was your ship repaired in this port? Yes _____ No ☒
 Character of repairs _____
- b. Quality of work: Satisfactory _____ Unsatisfactory _____
- c. Did you observe other ships undergoing repairs? Yes _____ No ☒
 Character of repairs _____
- d. Estimate of general repair capabilities (complete overhaul, emergency only, etc.) _____

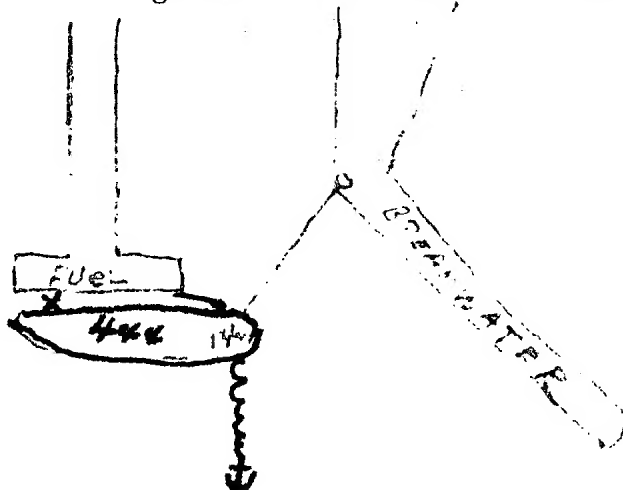
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Hazards, difficulties or delays experienced in shiphandling, cargo transfer, or lighter operations due to adverse sea, weather, or ice conditions

None

23. Berth diagram

If practicable, draw a rough sketch of the berth or wharf used by your vessel.



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Ships present:

- 3 medium merchant tankers(Mexican)
- 1 small freighter (Mexican)

Mexican Naval Vessels:

- 5 Former U.S. PC Boats.
- 1 Subchaser
- 1 Medium Tanker
- 1 Corvette (probably Ex-British)
- 2 Small gunboats or patrolcraft.

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